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HOUSE DECIDES ON CHANGES IN TWO RULES

Regulations For Sunday Riding and Movies Made Clear

[illegible] attending the movies at Wellesley Hills, and the Honor System.

The House voted to amend Section V, Article 1 B of the Gray Book, as follows:

Groups of students returning by auto from approved places on Sunday, must have their plans approved by the Dean of Residence. This is intended to provide for students spending the week-end in approved places where no chaperon is required, and does not apply to students leaving Wellesley just for the day.

The Senate's interpretation of the rule for attending the movies at Wellesley Hills was outlined in three sections:

1. Two or more students may walk or ride on the car to the Community Motion Picture House at Wellesley Hills.

2. Two or more students may return from the Community Motion Picture House on the 9:31 car or an earlier car.

3. If students wish to return on foot, they may do so in groups of five or more, provided they reach their dormitories by 9:45 P. M.

The first two sections prevent riding to the movies in automobiles. The third was made because the road between Wellesley Hills and Wellesley is considered unsafe at night.

Approves Motoring to Movies

The House voted to omit the requirement that students return by trolley, and decided that students walking home must do so in groups of not less than four. The change in number was made for convenience, and because it is considered as adequate a protection as five.

A request was read from Miss Tufts that the House clear up an ambiguity concerning the rule permitting students to go to Boston on the 7:16 train, provided that they are met at

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HARVARD PROFESSOR TO GIVE LECTURE ON CASE OF FRANCE

"The Case of France" will be the the subject of a lecture by Professor André Morize at 7:45 P. M., Friday, May 26, in Billings Hall. Professor Morize, who is at present connected with Harvard University, will give this lecture in English, thus making it of interest to a larger number. All members of the college are cordially invited.

PLACES SOCIAL ETHICS ABOVE PERSONAL HONOR

Dr. Ruckmick Discusses Proposed [illegible] f Student Government

[illegible] no such thing as personal [illegible] each individual made his own ethical decisions, the result would be moral anarchy." This was the opinion expressed by Dr. Ruckmick, member of the Philosophy Department, whose special field is ethics, in an interview regarding the plan of a new honor system based on required reporting.

Dr. Ruckmick emphasized strongly the importance of subordination to the group in the theory of social ethics. He felt that the college community does not differ essentially from that of the outside world; and mentioned the case of conscientious objectors to the World War as an example of a minority in which account could not be taken. He feels that education on the moral side, one of the chief functions of college, should develop in the individual the sense of the community's superior value.

Rights of Law-Abiding Stressed

When informed that much of the difficulty in a reporting system here centered about a student's unwillingness to be considered a tale-bearer, Dr. Ruckmick replied that not only consideration for the offender's best good should operate in such cases, but also regard for the rights of the law-abiding. A breaker of rules, he said, takes a short cut, and thereby an unfair advantage of those who conform to them. The unfairness of such a course should have weight with the reporter. Dr. Ruckmick favors a system of straight required reporting, be-

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FINAL CREWS CHOSEN FOR FLOAT NIGHT COMPETITION

The following crews will compete on Float Night, June 2.

1922	1923
Bow, Little, A.	Mayne, M.
2, Davis, R.,	James, C.
3, Smith, S.	Bossi, G.
4, Griffiths, M.	Ludlum, K.
5, Richards, A.	White, M.
6, Bates, B.	Parker, H.
7, Rathbun, H.	Hastie, E.
Stroke, Durant, M.	Loud, P.
Cox, Breingan, D.	Kent, R.
1924	**1925**
Bow, Anderson, F.	Roat, E.
2, Gordon, A.	Come, E.
3, Piper, N.	Rickert, H.
4, Croshy, H.	Williams, P.
5, Leinbach, A.	Cratsley, E.
6, Shanks, M.	Green, M.
7, Mason, C.	Hamblen, C.
Stroke, Wright, M.	Strong, H.
Cox, Berresford, V.	Quigley, H.

MARY ANTIN COMMENTS ON LIFE AT WELLESLEY

Author of "Promised Land" Gives Informal Interview

"I never tell anybody what I am going to do; it is my principle to wait until I have something to show for it," said Miss Mary Antin in reply to a question about the writing she is doing at the present time. Miss Antin, author of the celebrated *The Promised Land*, of short stories and of several works used in connection with the Economics Department of the college, has been quietly residing in the town of Wellesley since September.

"I don't know you, but I have met you in *shoals* all over the village," were Miss Antin's first words, characteristic of her sense of humor and straight-forwardness. This allusion to "shoals" was expressive of Miss Antin's views regarding colleges.

Wellesley Too Large

"The only trouble with Wellesley," said Miss Antin in response to the obvious request for her opinion about the college, "is its size and the fact that its students are all women." Miss Antin added that if she had her way, she would limit every college to about four hundred students. "I believe," she stated, "that no college should be too large for some sort of personal contact on the part of every student with its president or one of its leaders." This criticism, said Miss Antin, applies to all Eastern women's colleges.

But Wellesley Has Good Points

"But any college is a good college in which six or eight great characters are brought together as a part of its faculty," Miss Antin said with enthusiasm. "You have such people right here,—a number of them." Mentioning Miss Bates in particular, Miss Antin said earnestly, "I hope that *America the Beautiful* will in time be-

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FORMER ART PROFESSOR TO SUM UP COURSE IN HISTORY OF ART

Controversy has been heated over the subject of a lecture to be given by Miss Edith R. Abbot in the Art Lecture Room at 8:15 P. M., Wednesday, May 31. The title is "Children Play in a Sunny Court, or A Sunny Court With Children Playing In It." The NEWS has ascertained that this lecture is intended as a summing up of the course Art 203, to give a general view of the work and its practical application in looking at pictures. Miss Abbot was formerly Associate Professor of Art at Wellesley and is well known to many here. Since 1915 she has been an instructor in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

NEW HONOR SYSTEM BASED ON REQUIRED REPORTING

Amended Resolution Provides For Conscientious Objectors

The sense of the mass meeting held Thursday afternoon, May 18, in Houghton Memorial Chapel was that the college as a whole favored a system of honor in which (1) a girl breaking a rule should be required to report herself; (2) it should be the duty of any girl who saw another breaking a rule to speak to her about her offense; (3) should the offender refuse to report herself it should then be the duty of the girl speaking to her to report her to the proper authorities.

An amendment to this motion was made by Emily Gordon, providing that should Wellesley adopt such a system of required reporting those girls now in college who conscientiously objected to it be required to sign a statement giving their reasons and that such a statement be accompanied by an agreement to uphold all other rules of College Government.

Individual Liberty Discussed Before Vote

Margaret Hoogs started discussion with her question of whether the college wanted primarily to keep its good name or develop the individual. Margaret Willard spoke against required reporting, saying that such a system would be opposed to personal liberty. Muriel Morris supplemented her speech, defining college as a place where people can be developed, and where there is the best opportunity to acquire correct ethical standards.

Gladys Lack then brought up the point of coercion, by asking whether or not it was possible to coerce a community to perfection. Her point was brought up again and again during the meeting.

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OPPONENTS OF REQUIRED REPORTING POST THESES

Document On Chapel Doors Urges Objections To New Plan

Posted on all the Chapel doors on Wednesday morning, May 17, the following document appeared, reminiscent of the Wittenberg Theses. The object of the group sponsoring it was to promote discussion of the points outlined, with a view to presenting them at the mass meeting held the day following to consider the basis and plans for an Honor System.

"In the desire and with the purpose of elucidating truth"* informal discussions should be held on the underwritten propositions:

Compulsory reporting violates the

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the station by their chaperons. The housemothers had accepted this with the understanding that the student would first consult with them. This was voted superfluous.

To Send Gray Book to Freshmen

Plans for a new Honor System were left for discussion at the mass meeting, but it was the general feeling that freshmen should understand and agree to whatever system is decided upon, before coming to college. It was decided that a continuation of the Honor System Committee be organized to send to incoming freshmen a Gray Book and a draft of the Wellesley College Honor System to be signed by her before entrance.

An informal communication was read from a group of students who suggested that a committee be appointed to look into the rules of other colleges with an eye to simplifying those of Wellesley. It was voted that the speaker appoint such a committee to work during the summer.

The report of the Pointing Committee was read by Ruth Lindall, and the suggested rating accepted.

NEW HONOR SYSTEM BASED ON REQUIRED REPORTING

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Simplified Honor System Wanted

Frances Baum's question as to the possibility of a more simplified system of rules was answered by Margaret Byard, who said that the four rules most broken the past year were the ones which had been discussed as the basis of a simpler system. A vote favoring required reporting was taken after further discussion of individual liberty.

Conscientious Objectors Represented

Muriel Morris, most prominent supporter of the minority body, who have principles against required reporting, brought up the case of this group again. She advocated a system in which a girl would speak to an offender but not take away her normal liberty by reporting her. Provision for the conscientious objectors was made by Emily Gordon's amendment, after a discussion of ethics with Olga Houwich.

It was voted not to have further discussion of the question in the houses, but to leave expression of opinion a personal matter between the girls of a house and their members in the House of Representatives.

OPPONENTS OF REQUIRED REPORTING POST THESES

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moral liberty of two individuals, the reporter and the reported.

There are some girls in college who cannot conscientiously report others, and in taking such a pledge they will inevitably be guilty of falsehood.

The aim of the college is to develop the individual; but compulsory reporting does not correct the fault by changing the *mental attitude* of the offender.

a. How many girls who have not voluntarily reported themselves for violating a law, but have been reported, have a more coöperative attitude towards the group?

b. Have they not rather complied with the standard, not through moral choice, but through fear?

c. What is the motive of discipline? Is it the intellectual and ethical development of the individual, or the perfection of a machine?

If college is run on an intellectual basis, individuals who cannot conform to this system of compulsory reporting should not be excluded from the delights of academic life.

Alternative plan:

That there should be a few, necessary, *simplified rules*, such as: Students must be in the dormitories by 9:45 P. M., and in Wellesley by 7:30 P. M. (omitting rules concerning 7:16 train, etc.)

That information regarding these rules should be sent to all incoming students before college opens in September, with the understanding that every student entering Wellesley is, in honor, bound to support these rules.

That each girl so coming to college should be personally and individually responsible for herself alone.

That any girl whose actions violate the standard to which she has pledged herself should be liable to a suitable penalty which the disciplinary body of the college shall assign.

Although it is probable that under this, as under any system, there will be violations of rule, still it is a system which emphasizes confidence in the individual, and self-respect.

Emily de Forest, '25
Olga Hourwich, '23
Gladys Lack, '23
Muriel Morris, '22
Elizabeth Sanford, '23
Margaret Willard, '23

*Martin Luther: *Preamble to Ninety-Five Theses.*

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lieving it always desirable to speak first to the offender, before putting her case before the authorities.

At the University of Illinois Dr. Ruckmick was intimately connected with the movement which culminated in the establishment of an honor system. He described the problem there as an even more difficult one, owing to the more heterogeneous group involved. The form finally adopted, which includes required reporting, he thought no one would be so "blindly optimistic" as to consider an unqualified success; but he considered it the most workable plan. He is greatly interested in student movements in this direction, holding that honor systems must originate with the student body, not be "jammed down from above."

MARY ANTIN COMMENTS ON LIFE AT WELLESLEY

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come established as a national anthem."

"I don't know exactly why I chose to live in Wellesley," said Miss Antin. Her reasons seem to be mainly those of pleasant associations and beautiful natural surroundings. Miss Antin's first visit here, at the age of fifteen, was made under the chaperonage of Edward Everett Hale, who taught her to hold her tea cup in both hands to avoid shaking hands. Later on, Miss Antin had the distinction of being the last lecturer before College Hall fire.

Her love of the out-of-doors was expressed constantly in her allusions to Wellesley. "Whenever I want to see people socially, I ask them to take walks with me," she said. Her whole mode of life seems to bear out this attitude. Bobbed hair, dormitory hours, and daily tramps combine to give Miss Antin the freedom and healthfulness which supply the vigor necessary for a life of writing. Her habits are those of a college girl.

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Checks should be made payable to American Friends' Service Committee, and should be given to Miss Margaret Conant at the Christian Association office.

AGORA DISCUSSES ATLANTIC IMMIGRATION AT PROGRAM MEETING

Agora held an informal discussion on the distribution of Atlantic Immigration in the United States, at a program meeting on Saturday night, May 20. Five topics were discussed: history of distribution and the present evils of concentration, by Florence Hesketh; plan for distribution, by Josephine Brown, Alice Richards, Alice Chapman and Marian Wright; point of view of organized labor, by Mabel Noyes, Elizabeth Ely and Elizabeth Hastie; point of view of the capitalist, by Martha Hanna, Helene Bixby and Agnes Houghton; and point of view of the immigrant, by Jennette Gruener and Leah Rabbitt. The chairman of the meeting was Lois Childs; the chairman of the material committee, Margaret McCulloch.

WELLESLEY HELPS VASSAR

The Vassar Endowment Fund received a friendly boost on April 23, when Wellesley turned out for a rummage sale in the Town Hall. The undergraduates contributed all manner of clothing, from hats to shoes, and many townspeople were present to profit by the bargains offered.

There are, perhaps, a dozen Vassar College alumnae in Wellesley, including a few members of the Wellesley College faculty. To the latter goes the credit for interesting the Wellesley undergraduates in the local Vassar sale and collecting the articles so generously donated.—*The Vassar Miscellany News*, April 29.

RADIO EXHIBITION SHOWS POWERS OF NEW DEVICE

The practical use of radio was illustrated at a lecture, May 17, when a concert and two lectures were heard through the machine. Miss McDowell, of the Physics Department, explained the principles of radio preliminary to the exhibition, illustrating her talk with slides and electrical experiments. Two representatives of the Western Electric Company connected the radio with the Schenectady station, and the audience listened to a lecture on the Water Ways of the Great Lakes. The connection was changed to Newark, and a woman was heard speaking about the Red Cross. A tenor solo was caught from some unknown station. A jazz concert at Medford, Massachusetts, finished the program.

PRIVILEGES FOR COLLEGE MEMBERS AT MONTRAL CLUB

The Monteregian Club at 22 McTavish street, Montreal, has issued a notice that any member of the staff or any graduate or student of Wellesley may avail herself of the special summer rates at the Club, upon presentation of a letter of introduction from the college administration. The rates will be as follows:

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WELLESLEY ALUMNA WORKS ON "ATLANTIC MONTHLY"

Miss Florence Converse, 1893, has been working on the editorial staff of the *Atlantic Monthly* for about ten years, until recently giving half of her time to creative literature. However, during the recent illness of the editor, Mr. Ellery Sedgewick, Miss Converse has devoted her entire time to editorial work.

DR. PEABODY LECTURES ON ART OF PREHISTORIC MAN

Illustrates Talk With Slides of Primitive Sculpture and Painting

Prehistoric art and artists, their treatment of subjects, and the humorous and technical aspects of their work were points of the lecture given in the Geology Lecture Room, Tuesday evening, May 16, by Dr. Charles Peabody, Curator of European Archaeology in the Peabody Museum, Cambridge.

In illustration of primitive sculpure and painting, lantern slides were used throughout the lecture. Most of the specimens shown were those brought to light in northern Spain and southern France. In the United States, only one specimen of prehistoric art has so far been discovered, a carved bone from the Ozarks of Missouri.

Character of Remains

Among the slides shown by Dr. Peabody were various types of the surviving relics of prehistoric art. These primitive artists painted on cliffs and on the walls of dark caves the animals they pursued in the hunt: deer, elephants and mammoths; they carved them in ivory, on bits of horn and bone, and in solid rock; they moreover carved and painted figures of men, and painted stripes, dots and letter-signs on pebbles, of which several hundred have been found in the Pyrenees.

The groups drawn by primitive man are of two types; the groups normally placed and those made up of animals that would not naturally be found together, or in which one animal is painted directly on top of another.

This latter phase of prehistoric art, Dr. Peabody remarked, seems without reason; yet Paleolithic artists very frequently painted their own pictures upon those of fellow artists.

WELLESLEY CONCERT FUND

Mr. Macdougall refers those who have been inquiring about the Wellesley College Concert Fund to the statement quoted below:

"I have audited the accounts of the Wellesley Concert Fund. All receipts as shown by the cash records have been traced into the bank and properly accounted for. All disbursements were made by check and supported by receipts. The cash balance agrees with the bank statement of April 29, 1922."

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A LOOP-HOLE

The college has agreed that required reporting of another's offense as well as of one's own is desirable as a more workable plan than our present Honor System. Argument now centers about the method of reporting, and provision for those in college who can not conscientiously uphold such a system. It is admissible that so radical a change can not be forced, against their will, on those already here, and therefore a plan has been suggested whereby any present member of the college who can not square the new plan with her personal honor, may by signing her reasons be released from the burden of reporting others.

That this loop-hole should be allowed to incoming students is doubtful. Those registered to come to Wellesley should be supplied with copies of the newly adopted honor system, which they must pledge themselves to uphold if they desire to come. The continuance of two groups in the college would be destructive to any permanence in the reforms that are desired. The minority not compelled to report others would inevitably remain a nucleus fostering unrest and dissatisfaction.

Maintaining a double standard of conduct in the Wellesley Honor System could result in nothing but an increase in the machinery of the executive and judicial branches of the College Government Association, or a deterioration in the high standard set. Either of these is objectionable.

Lastly, the danger of the exempted group's steadily increasing in numbers must be considered. Admittedly it is difficult fairly to present through the mail anything like the proposed honor system, to girls who know nothing about it. It is quite possible that incoming students, without understanding thoroughly all that the Honor System means, should receive a false impression of its working and decide that they would be unwilling to indulge in apparent tale-bearing. Sidestepping responsibility either unconsciously, through incomplete comprehension of what is involved, or consciously, through desire to avoid personal inconvenience would be equally fatal to the present hope of establishing a law-abiding college community.

FAVORING A JUDICIAL BODY

The four carefully balanced arguments with which the negative side refutes the affirmative's four reasons for favoring a separate Judicial Body, leaves the undecided public sitting disconsolately on the fence with no inclination to jump to either side. But are the arguments as carefully balanced as they would seem at first glance?

In answer to the claim that a separation of the Judicial Body from the Legislative Body would enable criticism to be clearly directed to those responsible and allow one body to remain active though it became necessary for the other body to resign, the negative states that, though the college might know better where to direct criticism, the outside world would continue to hold the president of the college and the president of the college government responsible for all actions. This attitude of the general public should be acknowledged, but the fact should not interfere with solving the problem within the college, which is after all the main source of trouble. The second part of the argument for isolation, that of separate entity, remains valid and unchallenged.

Though the two bodies would undoubtedly have to be connected by the heads of College Government, who would therefore suffer no lessening of work from the change, it is hoped that plans for a more inclusive error slip and a Social Schedule Committee, will lighten the burden of these students in another direction. At any rate, the rest of the Senate would benefit from such a transfer of responsibility.

The argument that there are not enough girls in college willing to accept the diffused power and responsibility now concentrated in a central body, is not compatible with the number of efficient small office holders who could easily accept the larger responsibility. Fifteen hundred girls could certainly supply this demand.

Whether or not it is desirable for the law-maker to act as judge, is a question which has been answered by all modern governments. Separation has been deemed necessary in every case. The judiciary should not only understand the legislative policy but the point of view of those living under the law.

Free Press Column

All contributions for this column must be signed with the full name of the author. Only articles thus signed will be printed. Initials or numerals will be used in printing the articles if the writer so desires.

The Editors do not hold themselves responsible for opinions and statements which appear in this column.

Contributions should be in the hands of the Editors by 9 P. M. on Sunday.

Contributions must be as brief as possible.

WHY A SONG COMPETITION?

To the Wellesley College News:

"What is the use of Song Competition?" is the plaint now and then of a member of our college community,—which reminds me of the speech of Edward Everett at the dedication of Bunker Hill Monument. "I am asked," said the celebrated orator, "what good will the monument do?" to which I reply "what good does anything do?"

During the past month I had the opportunity of hearing and helping in judging the Song Competition at Mount Holyoke College. The contest was held in their beautiful and commodious student-alumnae building, apparently every one of the College community assisting. I have heard many complaints from my student and alumna friends as to the poverty and general inefficiency of Wellesley community singing, but I had not realized until the Mount Holyoke contest how vastly superior their singing is to ours. To drop into colloquial speech, they had us beaten to a "frazzle." (It will be observed that I tearfully associate myself with Wellesley!) It would be difficult, in my opinion, to surpass the singing of the Junior class at Mount Holyoke in any of the things going to make fine college singing.

Throwing aside singing per se and coming to original songs, words and music, I think we excel Mount Holyoke, but simply because we have been cultivating original work longer than they. Take for a single example out of many, our favorite song, "We're told of Berkeley and his notions": this was originally a competition song.

As human nature goes, community college singing can be fostered most successfully by the song contest. The men's colleges believe in and have these contests,—I need recall Amherst only as a college where the college singing and the body of original songs have both been enriched by this means. It is unnecessary to expatiate on the advantages of hearty singing to any community.

How would Wellesley like to challenge Mount Holyoke to a competitive sing? I know that the song leaders at the sister college would welcome a chance to try conclusions with us. It might do us good!

H. C. Macdougall.

A PLEA FOR PRACTICAL AID

To the Wellesley College News:

The Student Aid Society of Wellesley College is calling upon each of us

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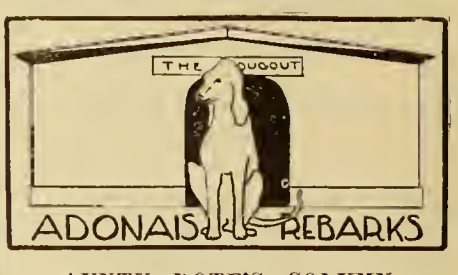

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I know that often you face problems which you cannot deal with alone but which you hesitate to discuss with your family or intimates. Please write to me, my dears, and I will aid you to the best of my ability. I do so want to help.

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Aunty Dote.

Sweet Sixteen—Your mother is in the right, little girl; leave cosmetics alone. They ruin your complexion and dry your skin. The ruddy glow of health is the best rouge and a shiny nose is better any day than one plastered with powder. Be sweet and simple and remember that nothing is so attractive as naturalness.

Dizzy—How glad I am that you recognize your obligation to make yourself attractive; so many girls neglect their personal appearance. Yes, indeed, I recommend the use of cosmetics. The brands you mentioned are the best. Let me give you this little secret for keeping away freckles.

1 teas. pickle juice
3 tablesp. lemonade
½ ounce graphite

Mix slowly and heat to 97° F. Then place on ice until ready to use. Apply to face immediately after lunch.

M. T. Head—You must have misunderstood the scope of this department, my friend, I cannot take time to answer questions on literature but only on social matters. However, if you really want to find the rest of the poem beginning "When it's moonlight in Kalua" I advise your searching through the *Oxford Book of English Verse*, or possibly the *Golden Treasury*.

Blue Eyes—Your question is a hard one, little girl. Sometimes our friends show themselves unworthy of us. All you can do is to practice noble self-command. Simply return the evening dress with well-expressed thanks and never borrow it again, for her attitude shows her to be undeserving of your friendship.

Perplexed—You did right in not letting the young man give you the quarter for "dorm-dancing." Even if you had the money with you, how much better to charge it, since this would save all expense and neither you nor he will ever be out the money.

X. Y. Z.—I think you are justified in believing that he cares for you, since he accepted your invitation to Chapel and acknowledged your Christmas card. But let me warn you, dear, to make sure that his purpose is really serious. Invite him out, some evening; take him canoeing and then for a walk aronnd the lake. If he doesn't declare himself, waste no more time on him, as you will only be discouraging the advances of more desirable young men.

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to help in giving aid to the girls here in College who need it. In February, the Student Committee had a campaign for memberships, and ever since then it has been busy collecting stray ends and trying to arouse new interest in the work of this society.

The Student Aid Society needs the support and coöperation of every member of the College in order that it be truly successful. At the present time a majority of the Student Body [illegible] for this year; [illegible] are still many who have not. It is to [illegible] particularly that this message is directed. We all know what fine girls are those for whom the Student Aid Society helps make college a reality instead of a dream that might have been.

Don't you want to help? Just at present the Society is very hard pressed to meet its obligations for this year, to say nothing of planning for next year. Annual membership costs $1.00—life membership $25.00—or any amount you are interested and able to give will help raise the amount which the society needs, and will give you a feeling of having a part in helping a group of girls to enjoy the opportunities offered at Wellesley College.

Constance C. Wilson,
Chairman of the Students' Committee of the Wellesley College Students' Aid Society.

THE SOCIETY SYSTEM

To the Wellesley College News:

While we are earnestly thinking about ways in which our college government may be improved, I ask you to scrutinize with me another phase of college organization, the present society system, and to judge whether or not it is worthy of persisting in an ideal Wellesley. This question is particularly important for 1925's consideration because the present Freshman class will have the power to retain or alter the now existing plan. To avoid misunderstanding, it is well to regard in the beginning the obvious benefits of societies. All recognize, of course, the charm of the houses. Any individual living in a noisy dormitory longs to get away to a homelike place where she can cook or read quietly or entertain her friends—especially when she sees such attractive oases in the community desert as the society houses. Moreover, the fact that a girl feels herself an in[illegible]able member of a fairly small [illegible]as often excellent effects upon [illegible]onality. We could all point out individual cases of development of social power after a girl has become a member of a society. If the society bonds are strong, she is also likely to strengthen her ethical capacity for loyalty to the group and perhaps to its traditions. After she graduates, furthermore, she is assured of a definite place to which she can return as a society member.

Granted these advantages and privileges of societies, let us consider upon whom they are bestowed. Under the present system any girl in the Junior or Senior class may apply for society membership, indicating her choice of society; this choice is taken into consideration by the Central Committee. She is admitted first if she attains a certain academic standard, and secondly, provided she is popular or well enough known by one of the six groups to be admitted by its vote. I heartily approve the necessity of an academic standard, but is the second provision a just warrant for all the privileges it bestows? Why have the conspicuous girls in college a right to more advantages than others who are not necessarily socially objectionable—who possess in many cases quite as much charm but are unwilling or have not the time to display it to the college at large? Is there any justice or any reason in placing a premium on popularity? Even so, some might argue, if we do no harm to the community why molest us, and if we contribute something, are we not justified in remaining exclusive? I don't believe that the societies under the present system can wholly claim either of these arguments for protection. It seems to me that societies as a reward for "social success" necessarily entail evil results in a community composed of imperfect human beings. They encourage social climbing even among people who do not willingly pervert their own motives. It is hard not to take little advantages here and there to "get in" with society girls, especially when to refrain may cost one delightful pleasures and a feeling of self satisfaction at being chosen which many people have. On the opposite extreme I have observed some conscientious girls hesitate to become too intimate with society upperclassmen lest they lower

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WORLD NEWS

Authorship to be Settled

May 18—The authorship of *The Three Musketeers* and other novels credited to Alexandre Dumas and claimed by Auguste Maquet is soon to be settled by the decision of a Paris court.

Kilauea Again Active

May 18—The Kilauea volcano in the Hawaiian Islands is reported to be in eruption.

Adopts Non-Aggression Pact

May 18—The Genoa Conference has adopted the non-aggression pact unanimously. Each State, instead of signing, pledges itself to respect the terms which provide for an examination of divergencies existing between the Soviet Government and other governments.

To Study Life on Mars

May 18—English astronomers and their American colleagues will again attempt a solution of the question of life upon Mars when that planet makes its nearest approach to the earth on June 18.

U. S. Will Not Recognize Soviet

May 18—The American Government stands firm against recognition of the Bolsheviki, but is ready to assist the other powers in a scientific inquiry as to conditions in Russia.

Genoa Conference Closes

May 19. After six weeks of momentous deliberations the Genoa Economic Conference adjourned today.

Edison Backs Ford Plan

May 19. Thomas A. Edison recommends acceptance by the Government of Henry Ford's plan for developing Mussel Shoals.

Oil Caused Explosion

May 20. Responsibility for the Harvard laboratory explosion, May 19, in which 2 were killed and 7 injured, is placed on the use of oil instead of soapy water as a lubricant in an oxygen compress.

Fresh Outbreaks in Ulster

May 22. The outbreaks of rioting, murders and incendiary blazes in Ulster reached their climax today in the killing of a member of the Ulster Parliament.

New Islands Discovered

May 22. The discovery of islands in the South Pacific, hitherto unknown, and now claimed for the United States, is reported from Honolulu.

COLLEGE NOTES

Professor Alice V. V. Brown of the Archaeology and Art Departments, who has been absent on leave this year, is sailing from Le Havre on June 20 on the *Rochambeau*.

Permission has been granted for swimming in the lake in the vicinity of the boat house week day afternoons from 3.30 to 5.30, when there will be a guard stationed there. A new diving board has been installed by the Outing Club, which is planning a swimming meet, and urges that every one use the "hole" for practise, in preparation.

The following officers of St. Melania's Guild were elected Thursday evening, May 18, at a meeting at A. K. X.: president, Marie Brennan, '23; vice-president, Mary Lee Carroll, '24; secretary and treasurer, Kathryn Shea, '25.

At a meeting of the Mathematics Club held Friday, May 19, in Agora the following new officers were elected: president, Mary A. Wheeler, '23; vice-president, Alice H. Darnell, '23; member of the Executive Committee, Jennette Greuner, '23; faculty member of the Executive Committee, Miss Smith.

Song Competition is being held this evening at Step Singing.

Elizabeth Osgood, '18, was visiting in Wellesley last week.

Movies of Silver Bay activities were shown Saturday evening, May 20, in the Barn, for the benefit of the organization, and to spread publicity about its work.

Engaged—'22 Dorothy Weil to Lee K. Frankel, Jr., Columbia '19.

Died—'25 Mrs. Charles G. Littlefield, mother of Pamelia Littlefield, on May 5 in Melrose, Mass.

ALUMNA TELLS OF OPPORTUNITIES IN PUBLISHING HOUSE

Bernice Kenyon, '20, literary secretary to the editor of Charles Scribner's Sons, spoke May 16 on her experiences in a publishing house. She emphasized the advantages of work in a publishing house over other fields of literary activity, because it offers variety, regular hours, and daily contact with men of affairs.

The only training required is furnished in courses of English Composition in college, but it is necessary to keep in touch with the doings of the world, in order to form a taste as to what people want and what is worth giving them.

The better houses have only small staffs, and when vacancies occur they are filled by persons known to the editor. However, young people are very much in demand, and with stenography a girl should not have very much difficulty in getting a position.

There is a big opportunity for people interested in free lance writing. The magazines are avid for short stories of four or five thousand words. It is not necessary for a writer to have a "name" to have her story accepted. Newspapers like short descriptive sketches and essays, and will accept almost anything sent them which has the "human element," and shows originality and keen observation. Almost all of the latest successful writers are under thirty years of age.

WORK OF WELLESLEY POETS ON SALE FOR FUND

A Wellesley number of the *Unbound Anthology*, published by the Poets' Guild, at Christodora House, New York, is on sale at the Bookstore for the benefit of the Fund. The price is sixty cents, with some autographed copies at a moderate advance. Poems by Miss Bates, Miss Sherwood, Miss Shackford and by various alumnae are included. There is also a poem by Miss Jewett.

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TABLES SHOW THE AVERAGE SALARIES OF HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS

For the benefit of seniors whose interest at this time of year turns toward the salaries available in teaching positions, the NEWS quotes the following tables from the United States Bureau of Education. These show the average salaries paid high school teachers in the United States in 1921, arranged in groups according to the size of the cities:

Cities 100,000 Population and Over

United States	$2,484
New York	3,181
New Jersey	2,681
Illinois	2,552
Indiana	2,527
Missouri	2,463
Pennsylvania	2,400
Ohio	2,377
Massachusetts	2,434
California	2,330
Michigan	2,251
Wisconsin	2,231
Louisiana	2,228
Washington	2,191
District of Columbia	2,165
Maryland	2,136
Rhode Island	2,085
Minnesota	2,034
Colorado	2,019
Nebraska	1,970
Connecticut	1,950
Kentucky	1,931
Oregon	1,920
Georgia	1,743
Virginia	1,639
Alabama	1,586

Cities 30,000 to 100,000 Population

United States	$1,847
California	2,282
Oklahoma	2,135
New Jersey	2,069
Ohio	2,067
Connecticut	2,030
West Virginia	2,028
Wisconsin	2,009
Massachusetts	2,343
Kansas	1,939
Minnesota	1,922
Georgia	1,920
Indiana	1,893
Michigan	1,889
Arkansas	1,883
Iowa	1,873
Washington	1,820
Delaware	1,796
Colorado	1,793
New York	1,760
Illinois	1,713
Rhode Island	1,706
Utah	1,669
Pennsylvania	1,660
Nebraska	1,610
Virginia	1,540
New Hampshire	1,525
Maine	1,481
Missouri	1,459
Tennessee	1,456
Alabama	1,355
Texas	1,323
Kentucky	1,079

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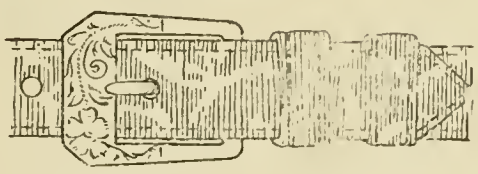

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their standards and so check natural friendships. It is impossible to point to examples of this kind, but I think some honest society members will admit they exist.

The advocates of the present system claim that by a selective process of voting a more loyal, congenial group is created, and that the work of the society is thus more effectively carried out. Some of the societies can claim the first advantage, but according to my observation the present plan does not insure social solidarity. The old rushing system is as safe as any in this respect; many of our best friends are made before junior year. If we make a society, we usually remain loyal to these friends, though they may be members of different societies, or none at all. The society interest is often and confessedly so a mere casual one, based on the comfortable feeling that one enjoys social rights.

It would be grossly unfair to say that this last statement is true in the majority of cases. On good faith that it is not, I base my hopes of a better plan. Some societies do excellent work and contribute frequently to the aesthetic pleasure of the college, but taking the six as a whole, their contributions are fitful, and the work interest weak among the members. But, as mentioned above, some contend that the present plan strengthens this interest. In my opinion it has the opposite effect. While a girl may and often does choose her society with its work in mind, the system leaves too wide a scope for the admission of girls who care nothing about it. In voting for a girl I wonder how many people consider how much she will contribute to both the work and the social side of the society.

Now that you have taken these things into consideration, what plan would you substitute? my readers cry. Observation proves to me that the most successful societies in college are those in which the work interest predominates. Their members are the most loyal to each other having work as a stable bond between them. In my experience there seems to be nothing more conducive towards the finest friendships than a common interest in and love for the higher pleasures of life—art, music, science, drama, or literature. I should therefore remove the bond of smugness from societies and organize them on a work basis. Any legitimate member of the Junior or Senior class interested in art, for instance, should qualify by some individual piece of work for admission into the art society, or by a literary paper to one of the literary societies. If her work is judged adequate to admit her, wouldn't it be possible for her to join her society work with her work for honors in literature, for instance? By this plan the actual numbers in the societies would be small because all would neither have the interest nor the time perhaps to devote to such societies.

But what of the social privileges? Should only those studiously inclined enjoy them? I believe that certain days should be reserved for the society members, but that the houses be open to the members of the Senior class, and perhaps to those of the Junior class, at least, until our Student-Alumnae Building is completed. Practical difficulties would favor assignment to each house of a group in order that many people would not monopolize one house at the wrong moment, and also that the group thus assigned could be held responsible in case of carelessness or untidiness. Of course the finances would have to be adjusted to this situation. Might not the house expenses be added to class dues? There are many such things to consider—any social rearrangement necessarily is difficult—but wouldn't it be worthwhile to attempt some readjustment for the sake of social justice?

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CALENDAR

Thursday, May 25. 7:00-7:30 P. M. Step Singing.

8:15 P. M. Billings Hall. Address by Miss Muriel A. Streibert of the Department of Biblical History. Subject: The Old Testament with Children.

Friday, May 26. 7:15 P. M. Phi Sigma House. Meeting of the Alliance Francaise.

8:00 P. M. Billings Hall. Address by Professor André Morize of Harvard University. Subject: The Case of France. (Profcssor Morize will speak in English.)

8:00-10:00 P. M. If the sky be clear, the Whitin Observatory will be open to all members of the College. The telescopes will be used for observing the planets Jupiter and Saturn.

Sunday, May 28. 11:00 A. M. Memorial Chapel. Preacher, Rev. Oscar E. Maurer, New Haven, Conn.

7:30 P. M. Vesper Service. Special Music.

Tuesday, May 30. Holiday.

Wednesday, May 31. 7:30 P. M. Billings Hall. Union meeting of the Christian Association for the installation of officers for next year.

8:15 P. M. Art Building. Address by Miss Edith R. Abbott. Subject: Children Playing in a Sunny Court, or, A Sunny Court with Children Playing in It.

Alumnae Notes

Alumnae and former students are urged to co-operate in making this department interesting, by sending all notices promptly to Alumnae Office, Wellesley (College) Mass.

MARRIED

'15 Elizabeth Porter to Edward Lester Blake, May 17, at Charleston, West Va.

'19 Elizabeth G. Brooks to Francis E. Gray, Oberlin, '17, May 4, at Worcester, Mass. At home: 9 Reid avenue, Troy, N. Y.

'19 Jane Webster Matthews to Edwin William Ely, May 17, at Concord, N. H.

'20 Charlotte Hassett to Dr. Clarence E. Toshach, May 5, at the College Club in Boston, Mass.

BORN

'08 To Florence **Hunter** Drake, a second son, James Hunter, May 3.

'16 To Julia **Merrill** Brashares, a second son, Wesley Emerson, May 7.

'19 To Marian **Lord** Stewart, a son, Robert Benfred, April 23.

DIED

'89 and '91 Mrs. Mary E. Scribner mother of Dora Anna Scribner and Bessie **Scribner** Davis, May 3.

SLATTERY SALE CLEARS $869 FOR FUND.

In an admirable spirit of generosity E. T. Slattery Company of Tremont street, Boston, held a Semi-Centennial Fund Sale at the new Wellesley Dis-play Shop on the four days from May 17 to 20. The sale was organized and run with the coöperation of the Wellesley College Semi-Centennial Fund Committee, the Dean's office and special class chairmen appointed by the class presidents. The chairmen selected were: Carol Whitmarsh, '22; Jane Harvey, '23; Alice Leinbach, '24, and Edith Richardson, '25.

On the Monday before the sale, Miss Larimore of the Fund Committee and the chairmen went to Slattery's as a buying committee to select merchandise for the sale and make the necessary arrangements. A charming assortment of sweaters, waists, dresses, skirts, capes, hosiery, underwear, etc., was chosen for display. The E. T. Slattery company met all the expenses and twenty per cent. of the receipts went to the Fund. The receipts were approximately:

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Thursday, Juniors' Day.....	759
Friday, Sophomores' Day.....	750
Saturday, Freshmen's Day.....	1775

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SIX COLLEGES RESUME AGREEMENT AT DEBATE CONFERENCE

Two representatives from each of six women's colleges: Vassar, Smith, Radcliffe, Mount Holyoke, Bryn Mawr, Barnard and Wellesley, met at Barnard on Saturday, June 13, to confer on the present Intercollegiate Debate system and its future plans. Wellesley's delegates were Marion Perrin, '22, and Marian Johnson, '23. The agreement made for five years terminated and was renewed with few revisions. Although many other colleges had applied for admittance it was decided more advisable to keep the membership to its present limit. In addition to this, regulations for next year's debate were discussed. The time of debate preparation has been decreased to four instead of six weeks, and, in accordance with this plan, the subjects chosen are to be of a more limited nature. The intermissions between rebuttals are to be five minutes in length. Next year Smith will debate at Wellesley, and Wellesley at Vassar.

FLOAT NIGHT COMMITTEE MAKES INNOVATIONS

A new plan has been adopted this year to eliminate the tedious waits which have marred the enjoyment of Float Night in the past. Another innovation is setting the hour for opening the program at 8:30, so that the floats, which will be unusually beautiful, will be more effective than they could be in the semi-darkness.

Tickets will be sold in advance at the El Table, at a price of 35 cents for guests and 15 cents for students. They should be obtained before June 2.

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